

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 1885.

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NOTICE.—J. M. Beatty.

An Ordinance.—J. N. Withers, Clerk.

Next Monday.—G. W. Hafner & W. E. Hendrix, Proprietors.

Local Items.

—We saw in an exchange an article headed "Her Father's coachman." We knew the balance.

—A dog with a tin can fastened to his tail went up town in a hurry on Friday morning.

—The number of liens indexed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, up to date, is two hundred and ninety-five.

—A colored man from the county called on us on Friday to negotiate his registration certificate. We referred him to the Winnsboro National Bank.

—Very little cotton is sold in town lately. It is to be presumed that the last crop is pretty well all in.

—The Board of County Commissioners was in session on Monday and levied a county tax of five mills, two mills of which are for school purposes.

—The store-house and lot at Woodward's, belonging to A. J. Mobly & Co., was sold by the Sheriff under an execution to Mr. John A. Brice for \$850.

—Mr. F. L. Whitlock of the Chester Bulletin has retired from the editorial staff of that journal and it will continue under the exclusive management of Mr. F. L. Morgan.

—The Judge of Probate requests us to announce that all executors, administrators and guardians are required to make their annual returns by March 1.

—Considerable personal property was sold by the Sheriff on Monday.

It brought, perhaps, on the whole as much as could have been reasonably expected.

—There are some who think now that grano will be but sparingly used by the farmers of this county this year.

We observe but little of it selling here as yet.

—There is some talk of the railroad putting down the fare to New Orleans for the benefit of parties who may wish to attend on "South Carolina's Day." It is to be hoped that they will.

—The Thespian Corps will play "Our Bachelors" at Boag's Hall now in a short time. It will doubtless be well done, as the gentlemen who have undertaken it know something about that side of life.

—There was a dance at the Winnsboro Hotel last night, the attendance being about as usual on such occasions.

The dancing was fully up to standard. The girls were very pretty as a matter of course, and the boys were next.

—A large crowd is always expected here on Saturdays, and Monday brought no disappointment in this particular.

We were informed by one gentleman who lives some distance from town that he had not been here before in thirty years.

—We observe that the Town Council are having some shade trees planted on the streets. Everybody will be much obliged for this thoughtfulness because everybody loves shade in its season. The gentleman who thinks that he does not, has merely succeeded in deluding himself.

—The youthful cattle dealer who sold somebody's cow to Mr. Rutland has skipped. It was said that he was rascaling in the vicinity of Jacksonville, but this seems to have been a mistake. At all events, the Deputy Sheriff after a vigorous search failed to find him in that locality.

—There will be a grand masquerade skating carnival at Boag's Opera House on Tuesday evening February 10th. The Winnsboro Cornet Band have kindly consented to furnish music on the occasion. All wishing to go in mask must procure tickets at the store of J. O. Boag. Admission 10 cents. After skating from 7 till 9 o'clock there will be a dance.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. J. M. McMaster and G. E. Bomar of the Columbia and the Spartanburg, respectively, were in town on Friday on professional business.

REAL ESTATE.—Very little real estate was sold on Monday, but the bidding was lively. The Clerk sold under an order of Court lot "B" of the Steele lands, situated in the town of Winnsboro, to Mr. Thos. H. Ketchin for \$272.50.

HITCHING PLACES.—A darkey who whips his horse to a shade tree on the sidewalk and gets him arrested can't see the justice of the law. To his unsophisticated mind it is plain that a gentleman ought to have the right to fasten his horse to the tree that suits him best.

TEN CENTS FOR COTTON NEXT FALL.—We are making special arrangements to take cotton from our Guano customers next fall at ten cents, come and see us. STEWART & CENTER.

BEAUTY.—Some one has said that beauty is worse than vice because it intoxicates both the holder and the beholder. It is worse in another particular, the intoxication lasts longer, and when it does leave, it leaves the victim of the "holder" at least in a state of permanent prostration.

CLERGY.—Another "gentleman" in Sheriff McCriley on Wednesday

for board until the second Monday. He is accused, it is said, of burglary.

The people of North Carolina punish a man for being accused of this offense with what is called out West "an informal hanging." In civilized countries the same outrage is called "lynching" and is never perpetrated.

LOOK OUT.—We are told that a one-eyed tramp of rather seamy appearance has been knocking around town for the past two days. He has no ostensible business, not even an agency for patent medicines. We have not heard of his buying any socks anywhere, but he may be making preparations to "work the town" all the same.

UNACCOUNTABLE.—We clip the following from an exchange:

Squire W. G. Keller, of Abbeville, has been a magistrate for forty-five years and has never had an appeal taken from his Court.

We venture to say that this gentleman has never rendered a decision against the client of a young lawyer who appeared in his Court.

INFORMATION WANTED.—"When a young man goes one hundred and twenty miles to see a young lady who is the natural conclusion?"—*Marion Star.*

We know of several fellows around here who can enlighten our contemporary on this point if they will, and as the question is one of vital interest to a large class, we hope they will have the kindness to do so.

THE POLL TAX.—It may be important to many to know that the last Legislature saw fit to change once more the age of liability to payment of the poll tax. All persons now between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-six, except those incapable of earning a support, are deemed and declared to be taxable polls. The frequent changes of the law in this particular are, to say the least, vexatious, and it is very much to be regretted that the matter can't be settled once for all.

AFTER MANY DAYS.—John Green, who (be it remembered) left this place rather hastily about six months ago, has returned. He is stopping at present with Sheriff McCriley, having been convicted before Trial Justice Cathcart of failing or refusing to pay his poll tax. If he recollects aught he was heard on one occasion to wish that he could get the Sheriff beneath the sound of his voice. It may not occur to him just now, but he has certainly reached at last the literal fruition of that desire.

HUMOROUS.—A colored applicant for a teacher's certificate described Salt Lake in the following pithy style: "Situated in Utah, plenty of salt around there and men having as many wives as they want." In the light of the following utterance of a Salt Lake City editor the applicant seems to have been correct: "The unknown woman who was killed at this place about three months ago by the cars proves to be one of the wives of the editor of this paper. A new count appears to have revealed the fact."

THE STATE COLLEGE.—It is said that the South Carolina College has one hundred and seventy-four students. This, if we are not mistaken, shows an increase over the attendance of last year. But the attendance is not what it should be, by any means. We have an able corps of professors, board is cheap and tuition is free. It does seem that the benefit of higher education is placed in South Carolina in the reach of all who may desire to avail themselves of its advantages. No young man of fair ability, moderate industry and frugal habits need now go uneducated.

A MOMENTOUS QUESTION.—We hear of still other young fellows of this county who are making preparations to remove to Florida. In fact we were interviewed by one of these restless men on Monday. He submits a very grave proposition to us. To use his own words he wishes to know whether it were better "to marry here and carry company along, or go alone and take the best that may be found down there." Premising that we are not responsible for the assumptions thus quietly made, we must ask to be indulged until we can see "the best that may be found down there." We cannot institute a comparison without a knowledge of both terms.

THE TEACHERS.—The County Board of Examiners have, since the examination in January, had a number of applications for certificates from teachers who for some reason or other were not present at the last examination. For the benefit of these and of others who may be similarly situated we will say that the county board have no authority to give a special examination, and consequently can issue no more certificates until after the next regular examination of applicants, which will be in July. Teachers who are compelled to have certificates before this time have but one course to pursue, and that is to go before the State Board of Examiners.

EMIGRATION.—For the benefit of parties contemplating emigration we clip the following from an exchange on a Dakota blow:

Blow! I'll blow a horse right out of the harness and snake a cutter over the prairie at the rate of a mile a minute. And then you've got to be mighty careful to keep your hat on or it'll blow you bald-headed in less'n no time. Beats a Sioux Indian on the warpath for raisin' hair. That's the reason there are so many bald-headed men in Dakota; that, and 'cause 'bout the country 'round by goes 'till blow your color right off of you too, and then you're dander than an icicle. You have to strap 'em on. Nobody goes doers in Dakota without some straps in his pockets. Then you'll think it's gittin' cold, but you won't know how cold it is till you pull out yer whiskey bottle an' find it froze solid, 'specially if it's Dakota whiskey. Beats all how little cold Dakota liquor can stand.—*St. Paul Day.*

WIFE-BEATING.—A number of gentlemen about town have renewed their former expressions of willingness to see an amendment to the constitution

establishing the whipping-post for wife-beaters, and this desire does not seem to be confined to this State. A bill of similar purport is now pending in the Legislature of North Carolina.

Aside from other considerations, the practical difficulties which lie in the way of the execution of such a law may well cause its advocates to pause and consider before insisting upon its adoption. The last reported case, which we have under the law as it stands, affords us some ground for conjecturing what the execution of a more stringent law would be. In this case the defendant was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine or go to jail. He is said to have gone home, given her another thrashing and then to have gone to jail. After this act of unsolicited generosity she could not bear to see him suffer the indignities of incarceration, so she paid the fine and had him released.

WEALTH.—"Why is it," we hear the question, "that the people of the North and West are better off than we are; the natural resources of our country are superior to theirs?" It is because the people of the North and West diversify their industries. They are dependent upon no one source for their subsistence. If one crop fails they have others to look to. It is safe to say that any agricultural people who depend entirely upon one staple product, however profitable it may be, will sometime or other be brought to the verge of famine. This truth is taught in the history of every agricultural people from the days of the Pharaohs to the failure of the potato crop in Ireland little more than a third of a century ago. If our people wish to accumulate wealth they must cease to look entirely to the cotton crop for the means of subsistence.

A MUCH-NEEDED LAW.—While the Legislature is making everything a crime it might be profitable for it to pass an Act making it a misdemeanor for the prosecuting witness in any criminal case to visit the accused in jail. These visits bode no good to the defendant, and in many instances they have been known to defeat the ends of justice. Criminals as a class are exceedingly ignorant; their hopes and fears are alike susceptible of the highest excitement. Many an innocent man has been known to acknowledge himself guilty at the instance of a bit of gentle advice from his prosecutor to the effect that "it will be better for you to own up." This is always vigorously used against him, and it frequently happens that an innocent victim is immolated upon the altar of justice when the real criminal plies his avocation in the pride of conscious security. Prosecuting witnesses here make it a rule to visit and talk to the accused as though they were "of counsel for defence."

THE STATE VS. JULIUS MILLS.—Judge Cothran has filed his decree in the case of the State vs. Julius Mills, County Treasurer of Chester county. It will be remembered that this action was brought to recover several thousand dollars from Mr. Mills and his bondsmen for alleged defalcation of the former in the office of county treasurer of Chester county. The case was referred to J. E. McDonald, Esq., to take the testimony and report conclusions of fact, and accordingly after a laborious examination of a vast amount of documentary evidence, Mr. McDonald filed an elaborate report which completely exonerated Mr. Mills. Exceptions to this report were taken and argued before Judge Cothran at the last term of the Court of Common Pleas for Chester county, and his Honor has just filed his decree affirming the report of the referee and dismissing the complaint with costs. The whole trouble seems to have grown out of some errand from Mr. Mills's books unwarrantably made by an expert accountant from the comptroller-general's office. The many friends of Mr. Mills in this county will rejoice in the vindication which he has received at the hands of the Court.

COMPROMISE ON CRIMINAL CASES.—The Greenville Daily News thinks it would be well if somebody could devise some legislation to prevent the compromise of criminal cases. It is very common for men who commit assaults to escape punishment by paying the person or persons injured a sum of money and the costs. We cannot blame either party to these transactions. A man who has committed an offense is naturally anxious to escape the annoyance of a trial and the possible punishment, and the sufferer, if he is a poor man, he generally finds that it will be to his advantage to accept some substantial cash compensation and avoid the loss of time incident to this appearance as a witness before the grand jury and the court. No special harm is done while the criminals are persons of moderate means who feel the loss of the money they pay enough to make it a punishment to them and to induce them to be careful in their conduct. But the principle is bad. A very rich man, for instance, would probably feel at liberty to maltreat any poorer citizen while he knows that he can "pay out" of the consequences of his conduct with a sum which would be a trifle to him. The entire system tends to give immunity to wealthy offenders while the poor man must suffer the full legal punishment for his crimes for the lack of a little cash.—*Marion Star.*

We desire to add to this one other objection to the compromise business. This county has a number of common barrators who make it their business to incite prosecutions and negotiate compromises. They, of course, pocket a good portion of the booty. We do not know that such notorious practices prevail in other counties, but we do know that a stop should be put to all such. Prosecution for the common law crime of barratry would be unavailing since the victims of these wretches could not be induced to testify against them.

RAILROAD WRECK.

Collision of a Passenger Train with Coal Cars—A Large Number of Passengers Wounded.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., January 30.—The Philadelphia express on the Reading Railroad was wrecked at Greenville this morning. Some lives are reported lost. The train consisted of

four coaches well filled with passengers. The wreck occurred between Danforth Avenue Station and Cemetery Bridge. The train was running rapidly when the wheel of the forward coach broke and the car was derailed. It ran into a coal train and was upset. The other three cars were wrecked. The accident was witnessed by a mounted policeman, who telephoned the facts to police headquarters. Various hospitals have dispatched surgeons and ambulances to the scene. Up to the present time twenty-five wounded persons have been removed from the wreck. Many more are to be extricated.

LATER.—No person was killed, and it is not supposed that any will die from their injuries; but an astonishing number of people were hurt, more or less seriously. A good many limbs were broken, and the inmates of one car which had bumped over the ties some distance and then upset were clad principally in rags when rescued. Twenty insensible persons were taken from one car which had a similar occurrence; eight of these remained insensible from one to two hours after their rescue. The overturned stove set fire to the wreck in several places, but the fire was promptly extinguished by the railroad men. The accident was caused by a broken wheel, but no explanation of the cause of the wheel breaking has been discovered.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, have this day associated ourselves as copartners under the firm name of J. M. BEATTY & BRO., and expect to continue the same business and fit the same store formerly occupied by J. M. Beatty. Our friends, every son and daughter of our Fairfield, who wish to buy reliable goods and who wish to buy goods on the progressive plan (cash short prices), are earnestly solicited to give "The Corner Store" a call.

Respectfully,
J. M. BEATTY,
W. A. BEATTY.

February 2, 1885.

All persons who are indebted to me will please make payment at once of all accounts on books to January 31, 1885. Feb 2

AN ORDINANCE

TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF SWINE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WINNSBORO, S. C.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Intending and Warden of the Town of Winnsboro, S. C., in Council met, and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That all persons who shall keep swine within the corporate limits of the Town of Winnsboro aforesaid, any hog or pig, shall register the same in the office of the Clerk of Council in a book to be kept for that purpose by said Clerk; and no hog or pig shall be kept in said Town except within a sty or enclosure having an area of twenty-five feet square, for each hog or pig so confined, and no such sty or enclosure shall be located nearer to any inhabited dwelling or residence than forty feet.

SEC 2. Every person failing or refusing to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than two dollars for each and every hog or pig kept by such person; and the further sum of one dollar per day, for each day after conviction, for each such hog or pig kept in violation of this ordinance.

DONE in Council, this 26th day of January, A. D. 1885, and with the Corporate Seal of the said Town affixed.

JNO. J. NEIL,
Intendant.

Attest: I. N. WITHERS, Clerk.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

By J. R. BOYLES, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, W. H. KERR hath made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of W. H. Robinson, deceased;

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said W. H. Robinson, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Fairfield Court House, S. C., on the 5th day of March next after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 23rd day of January, Anno Domini 1885.

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—OF THE—

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—OF—

FAIRFIELD COUNTY,

SHOWING

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FUNDS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1883,

TO NOVEMBER 1, 1884.

No. To whom paid. Amt.

353 Mrs S E Richmond \$ 21 45

359 Miss M V Feaster 20 00

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377 J J Trapp 20 00

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361 J D Hill 20 00

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